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SUBJECT:PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC
STUDIES ON SHRIMP

REF: GEORGETOWN 1805

1. IT IS DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT REMARKS OF MINISTER
KENNARD CONTAINED REFTEL RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT U.S. ROLE
IN REGIONAL SHRIMP STUDIES AS SEEN BY GUYANA. WHILE
WE GENERALLY FAVOR MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC ENDEAVOR, IT IS
DOUBTFUL THAT THE WECAF PLAN FOR STUDIES WOULD PRODUCE
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PRACTICAL RESULTS IN THE NEAR TERM, AND THERE IS A POSSI-
BILITY THAT CERTAIN OTHER WECAF MEMBERS MIGHT SEEK TO
ACHIEVE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AT THE EXPENSE OF SCIENCE.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY AGAIN APPROACH KENNARD, EMPHASIZE U.S.
DESIRE TO COOPERATE, AND POINT OUT THAT U.S. PROPOSAL, IF
IMPLEMENTED, COULD PRODUCE RELATIVELY FAST RESULTS THAT

COULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO GUYANA IN PLANNING AND MANAGING ITS SHRIMP FISHERY. WE DO NOT SEE THE NECESSITY OR VALUE OF INCLUDING COUNTRIES NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS FISHERY IN THE SHRIMP TAGGING STUDY UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE TAGGING PROGRAM WOULD BE A UNIQUE U.S. CONTRIBUTION THAT COULD NOT BE DUPLICATED BY WECAF, AND ANY WECAF PROGRAM COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONSUME SEVERAL YEARS IN PLANNING STAGES ONLY.

3. IF KENNARD CONCURS WITH THIS REASONING, EMBASSY MAY PROPOSE NEW DATE FOR FIRST SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF WEEK OF AUGUST 21, THE NEXT DATE WHEN U.S. SCIENTIST BULLIS WILL BE FREE. IT IS HOPED MEETING COULD STILL TAKE PLACE IN GEORGETOWN.

4. FOR PARAMARIBO AND MARTINIQUE: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY FISHERY OFFICIALS ORIGINALLY CONTACTED THAT DATES FOR MEETING WILL BE POSTPONED, AND, TO EXTENT JUDGED APPROPRIATE BY POSTS, INFORM THEM OF THE PROBLEM RAISED BY GUYANA. VANCE

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